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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 21, 2014	CCAO AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COUNTY RESPONSE TO ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MAY 29, 2014	CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JUNE 11, 2014	COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL & EMPLOYEE PERSONAL LIABILITY & STATUTORY BOND REQUIREMENTS – A CCAO 2 nd WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
JUNE 13, 2014	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JULY 11-14, 2014	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA
DECEMBER 6-8, 2014	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

BELMONT & PAULDING COUNTIES TO JOIN CEBCO ON JUNE 1



The Commissioners of Belmont County and Paulding County have voted to join the County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO), effective June 1, 2014. With these additions, CEBCO will now serve in excess of 11,000 county employees and more than 25,000 Ohioans in the program. Belmont County is the 31st and Paulding County is the 32nd to join the plan.

The consortium was created by CCAO to help stabilize the health insurance costs for counties. In addition to medical and prescription drug coverage, CEBCO also provides wellness programs, plus vision, dental and life insurance, and an Employee Assistance Program. Counties can choose any of these stand-alone insurance programs separately or in conjunction with medical and prescription drug coverage.

For more information on the CEBCO Program please contact the following staff members:

- Doug Foust, Managing Director of Health and Wellness Programs, (614) 220-7984 or dfoust@ccao.org
- Melissa Bodey, Senior Account Manager, (614) 220-7997 or mbodey@ccao.org
- Wendy Dillingham, Senior Account Manager (614) 220-7992 or wdillingham@ccao.org

CCAO'S SUCCESSFUL GROUP RETRO PROGRAM

This week, an article was published in WorkCompWire, a national online workers' comp news source, describing the success of CCAO's partnership with CompManagement through our Group Retro Program. [Click here](#) to read the entire article, "CCAO WC Partnership with CompManagement Returns Over \$2.0 Million in 2014", which includes a great quote from Tiffany Swigert, Coshocton County Safety Coordinator.

This is well deserved recognition for the counties in our Group Retro Program whose safety and claims management efforts have resulted in savings coming back to the counties in the form of refunds. Congratulations to the counties in the CCAO Workers Comp Group Retro Program: Adams, Belmont, Carroll, Champaign, Clinton, Coshocton, Defiance, Fairfield, Fayette, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Hardin, Henry, Hocking, Huron, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Marion, Mercer, Monroe, Morgan, Morrow, Ottawa, Putnam, Seneca, Shelby, Union, Vinton, Washington, Williams, and Wyandot.

For more information, please contact Beth Miller, CORSA Claim and Litigation Manager, at (614) 220-7989 or emiller@ccao.org or Sherry Barbosky, CORSA Underwriting Manager, at (614) 220-7995 or sbarbosky@ccao.org.

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

TIPS TO AVOID FIREWORK-RELATED INJURIES

CCAO received information from Prevent Blindness Ohio about resources you can share with county residents on how to stay safe this summer with respect to fireworks. In 2012, 8,700 people were treated in emergency departments for firework-related injuries. Visit pbohio.org or call (800) 301-2020 for a free copy of the Safe Summer Celebrations brochure or the First Aid for Eye Emergencies sticker or for more information.

STATE ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING VIDEOS

The Ohio Attorney General's Public Records Unit has developed eight short videos to assist the public in better understanding frequently-asked-about topics under Ohio's Sunshine Laws. The videos, which were made possible in part by a grant from the Ohio State Bar Foundation, are now available to the public on the [Attorney General's website](#) and cover topics such as:

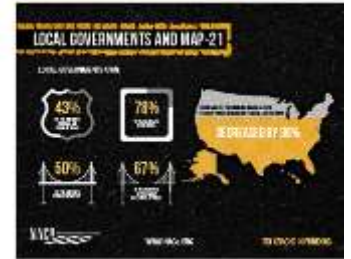
- [What is a "public office" and what is a "public record" under the Public Records Act?](#)
- [How to make a public records request](#)
- [How to apply the Confidential Law Enforcement Investigatory Records \(CLEIRs\) exemption](#)
- [Who is a "public body" subject to the Open Meetings Act?](#)
- [Determining when a public body may enter into executive session for the purpose of consulting with its legal counsel](#)
- [Determining when a public body may enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters](#)
- [What remedies exist under Ohio's Sunshine Laws?](#)
- [The Ohio Attorney General's Public Records Mediation Program](#)

If you have any additional questions about these videos, please contact the Public Records Unit at (614) 466-2872.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

FIX CRACKS IN FUNDING

The current federal surface transportation law, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), is set to expire at the end of September. MAP-21 made several changes to federal transportation programs that shifted funding away from the infrastructure owned by counties and other local governments. In fact, under MAP-21, the funding available for locally owned bridges and Federal-aid highways decreased by 30 percent. As the owners of 45 percent of the nation's roads and 39 percent of the nation's bridges, it's critical that counties urge Congress to repair this discrepancy and fix the cracks in funding for locally owned infrastructure.



Show our members of Congress how MAP-21 impacted the funding available to locally owned infrastructure in [Ohio](#) and ask them to support county priorities the next surface transportation bill.

- Click [here](#) for County Priorities for MAP-21 Reauthorization.
- Click [here](#) for additional background on MAP-21.
- Click [here](#) for NACo's research report on county funding and financing for transportation - *The Road Ahead*.

[Click here](#) for information prepared by the National Association of Counties (NACo).

"WATERS OF THE U.S." HEARING DELAYED

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment has delayed the hearing on the "Potential Impacts of Proposed Changes to the Clean Water Act Jurisdictional Rule" until June 11 due to the death of the former chairman of the committee. The hearing will be in response to the recent proposed rule released by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) that would amend the definition of "waters of the U.S." and expand the range of waters that fall under federal jurisdiction. [Read more...](#)

WHITE HOUSE RELEASES NATIONAL CLIMATE REPORT

The White House released the [National Climate Assessment \(NCA\) Report](#), which summarizes the regional impacts of climate change in the United States. NCA was compiled through observations and research studies and was part of a four year study by the U.S. Global Change Research Program, which was authorized under the Global Change Research Act of 1990 ([P.L. 101-606](#)). The report gives recommendations to state, tribal and local governments on ways to set policy to combat climate change. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

2014-15 NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NACo's County Solutions and Idea Marketplace (Annual Conference) is rapidly approaching and one of the most important events is the election of officers and Board of Directors members. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The NACo Nominating Committee will review the nominations and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Monday afternoon, July 14 in Orleans Parish (New Orleans), LA. The one-year term on the NACo



Board of Directors begins the last day of the current annual conference and ends the last day of the next annual conference.

Ohio is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Currently, the positions are filled by Commissioners Daniel Troy (Lake) and Gary Lee (Union).

Commissioners interested in serving on the NACo Board of Directors should submit a letter of interest to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at mjneiman@ccao.org or fax (614) 221-6986 by May 30, 2014.

HOKAMA TO APPOINT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2014-15

Riki Hokama, Maui County Council Member (HI) and NACo 1st Vice President, will have the privilege of making the following presidential leadership and committee appointments to his 2014-15 Leadership Team. Please note: Steering committee membership is not a part of this application process. The NACo president appoints only the steering committee leadership. CCAO is responsible for nominating the general steering committee members from Ohio. More information about the steering committee nomination process will be available next week.

- **Steering Committee Leadership** – The 11 steering committees will each have a leadership team consisting of a chair and appropriate number of vice-chairs, and subcommittee chairs and vice-chairs. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference. These appointments are for one year. **Note: The NACo President only appoints steering committee leadership. CCAO appoints steering committee members from Ohio. CCAO will process steering committee membership nominations in early June.**
- **Caucus Leadership and Members** – These one-year appointments include the Rural Action Caucus (RAC) and Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Steering Committees chair, vice-chairs and members. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference.
- **At-Large Appointments to the NACo Board of Directors** – These ten one-year appointments add diversity to the board (i.e., urban, rural, gender, geography, and minority representation).
- **Standing Committees** – Four committees (i.e., Finance, Information Technology, Programs and Services, and Membership Committees)
- **Ad Hoc Committees** – Eight committees (i.e., Defined Contribution and Retirement Advisory Committee, NACo Financial Services Center Advisory Committee, Arts and Culture Commission, Green Government Advisory Board, Healthy Counties Advisory Board, International Economic Development Task Force, Veterans & Military Services Committee, and Cybersecurity Task Force.)

Complete the [Presidential Appointment Application](#) online. **Application deadline: June 6, 2014.** If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION - JULY 11–14

Register today for NACo's Annual Conference and Exposition taking place July 11–14, in Orleans Parish (New Orleans), Louisiana. The Annual Conference provides county officials with a great opportunity to vote on NACo's policies related to federal legislation and regulation; elect officers; network with colleagues; learn about innovative county programs; find out about issues impacting counties across the country; and view products and services from participating companies and exhibitors. The early registration deadline is May 30. [Read more...](#)



Mark your calendars for the **CCAO Reception** to be held on **Saturday, July 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in the Belle Chase Room (3rd floor)**. Ohio will hear from the candidates running for NACo 2nd Vice President and discuss how Ohio will cast its vote in the annual election on Tuesday, July 14. For more information about the NACo Conference or Ohio reception, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

NACo's 2014-2015 RESOLUTIONS PROCESS IS UNDERWAY

In anticipation of NACo's 2014 Annual Conference and Exposition—taking place July 11-14 in Orleans Parish, Louisiana—NACo members are invited to submit policy resolutions and platform changes for consideration at the conference. Submissions will be considered by one or more of NACo's 10 policy steering committees, and if approved by that committee, will be voted on by NACo's Board of Directors and membership for adoption. Approved policy resolutions and platform changes will guide NACo's advocacy efforts in the coming year and beyond. Deadline: June 11, 2014. [Read more...](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

INTEGRATING COUNTY DELIVERY SERVICES TO OBTAIN TRANSPARENT & ACCOUNTABLE OUTCOMES WEBINAR

Counties are exploring how to shift from providing services in silos to an integrated and coordinated approach. Aligning services presents many challenges and opportunities from sharing data and information to providing services while complying with various policies and regulations. Join the National Association of Counties (NACo) for a webinar on May 22, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to explore factors to consider while redesigning your health and human services delivery approach along with strategies counties are using to navigate their agencies into an era of optimized interoperability. [Register here...](#)

STATE & LOCAL LEGAL CENTER ANNOUNCES SUPREME COURT REVIEW WEBINAR

On July 18, the State and Local Legal Center (SLLC) will host its Supreme Court Review webinar. The most significant cases decided this term affecting state and local government will be discussed. Cases to be discussed include, among others, Michigan's affirmative action ban, warrantless searches of cell phones, speech "buffer-zones," and two Clean Air Act cases. [Read more...](#)

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS - 2014-019

1. When a board of county commissioners proposes to enter into an agreement with the county engineer pursuant to R.C. 315.14, it must offer to pay reasonable compensation to the county engineer for performance of duties under the agreement.
2. The statutory duties of a county sanitary engineer are set forth almost exclusively in R.C. Chapters 343 (solid waste management districts), 6103 (county water supply systems), and 6117 (county sewer districts). Of these chapters, only R.C. Chapter 6117 expressly assigns duties related to ditches to a county sanitary engineer.
3. R.C. 6117.01(B)(1) describes a board of county commissioners' authority to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate drainage facilities for a county sewer district, but does not limit the drainage facilities duties that a county sanitary engineer may be required to perform under R.C. Chapter 6117. A county sanitary engineer must perform, as necessary, each duty imposed upon the position of county sanitary engineer by R.C. Chapter 6117.

4. A county engineer is required to perform the statutory duties set forth in R.C. 315.08 regardless of whether the county engineer has entered into an agreement with the board of county commissioners pursuant to R.C. 315.14.
5. A county engineer has numerous statutory duties related to drainage and ditches, including, but not limited to, those set forth in R.C. Chapters 6131 (single county ditches), 6133 (joint county ditches), 6135 (interstate county ditches), and 6137 (ditch maintenance fund). Pursuant to R.C. 6137.06, a county engineer has “general charge and supervision of the repair and maintenance of all county and joint county ditches, drains, watercourses, and other drainage improvements within his county constructed under” R.C. Chapters 6131, 6133, 6135, and R.C. 6137.051.
6. Article II, § 20 of the Ohio Constitution and R.C. 325.14 prohibit a board of county commissioners from offering additional compensation to the county engineer for performing duties under R.C. 315.08 or R.C. Chapters 6131, 6133, 6135, or 6137.

[SYLLABUS - 2014-020](#)

A prosecuting attorney may not charge a fee to recover legal costs incurred in delinquent real estate tax foreclosure proceedings initiated pursuant to R.C. 5721.14 or R.C. 5721.18.

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO/CEBCO ANNOUNCES JOB POSTING FOR ACCOUNT MANAGER

CEBCO is the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio. We are a not-for-profit, member-owned self-insured health care purchasing pool serving more than 30 Ohio counties, created by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO). Due to significant growth, we are seeking an experienced Account Manager to insure the satisfaction of an assigned group of counties.

This individual will be responsible for coordinating a full range of healthcare services in partnership with several top vendors, providing claims and financial reporting, addressing escalated issues, and managing annual renewals and open enrollment.

The qualified candidate will have knowledge of health plans, ACA, self-funding principles, claims management, and customer service in an insurance environment. A current Life and Health insurance license is required. Significant statewide travel is to be expected.

CCAO is an equal opportunity employer. Salary is commensurate with experience. CCAO offers an excellent benefits package and is located in the heart of downtown Columbus with free on-site parking. Please send resume and cover letter to Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org on or before June 6, 2014. No calls, please. To view the complete job description, [click here](#).

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
EMA Administrative Assistant	Portage County May 15, 2014 or until filled
EMA Director	Paulding County May 19, 2014
Temporary Building Inspector	Wayne County As soon as a qualified candidate is chosen
Building Inspector	Wayne County May 23, 2014

Purchasing/Central Services Director	Montgomery County May 27, 2014
Operations and Planning Manager	Fairfield County May 28, 2014
Senior Manager/Sanitary Engineer Dept.	Greene County Open until filled